

The Dodge County Land and Water Conservation Committee met on Monday, May 24, 2021, at 8:15 A.M., in the First Floor Conference Rooms, Room 1H & 1I, Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Bischoff at 8:15 am.

Members present: Larry Bischoff, Allen Behl, Lisa Derr, William Foley, Dale Macheel and James Qualmann.

Member(s) absent: none

Other staff and non-committee members included County Conservationist John Bohonek, Matt Peplinski, James Mielke, Nathan Couperus, Lorie Couperus and Becky Justmann.

No public comment.

Motion by Allen Behl and seconded by James Qualmann to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2021 meeting and the May 10, 2021 public hearing. Motion carried.

Discuss and decide to approve or deny Nathan Couperus request for a variance from the Dodge County Manure Storage and Nutrient Utilization Ordinance.

- Discussion was held and recorded.
- Motion by Allen Behl to affirm the decision of the Dodge County Land and Water Conservation Department. Seconded by Lisa Derr. Motion carried.

Other Agency Monthly Updates

Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)

- No representative present

Farm Service Agency (FSA) Matt Peplinski

- Soil rental rates have been updated. Annual crop reporting is continuing with a deadline of 7/15/21. American Rescue Plan Debt Payments begins May 24th. Highly Erodible Land Initiative (HELI) program has been brought back. SAFE program is now back to continuous signup. There is an open position for a soil conservationist. NRCS is hiring a resource conservationist.

Farmland Preservation Updates

- LWCD is continuing to receive Certification forms and Nutrient Management checklist.

Tree Sales

- Tree sale went well. John reviewed the tree sale program final report with the committee.

Committee Member Reports

Lake Sinissippi - No report

- John has called and left messages with two individuals with the Lake Sinissippi District regarding coming to LWCC meeting. He has not heard back from them.

Beaver Dam Lake – William Foley

- Will be doing a survey of the Lake to plot the bottom. Will be doing a plant density survey. This information will be sent to the DNR.
- 2021 will be the 3rd year with no commercial fishing on the Lake. They are working with the DNR to find out when it will resume.
- Working on details for the upcoming Fish 'n fun on June 5th and the Great Beaver Paddle Fest on June 12th. Both of these events have been very well attended in the past.

Fox Lake District – Dale Macheel

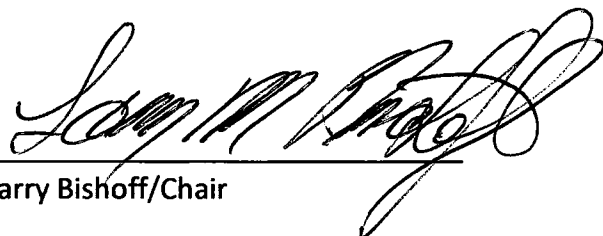
- Alliance report given.
- Waste Water reported that they have started the removal of the solids from the lagoons. This project should take 6 to 8 weeks.
- Town of Fox Lake reported that they will be repaving Black Hawk Trail. They have received a grant to put in a kayak launch.
- Discussion was held regarding the pontoon rides for farmers scheduled July 17th with a rain date of July 18th.
- Discussed soil health incentive program.
- Looking for stream monitoring volunteers.
- Rocks were placed around the weir on Alton Creek by the Highway dept. to stop the over flow.

Motion by Lisa Derr and seconded by Allen Behl to approve the per diems. Motion carried.

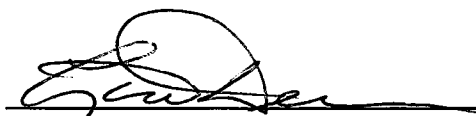
Next meeting will be June 28, 2021 at 8:15 am.

Motion by James Qualmann and seconded by Dale Macheel to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am.



Larry Bishoff/Chair



Lisa Derr/Secretary